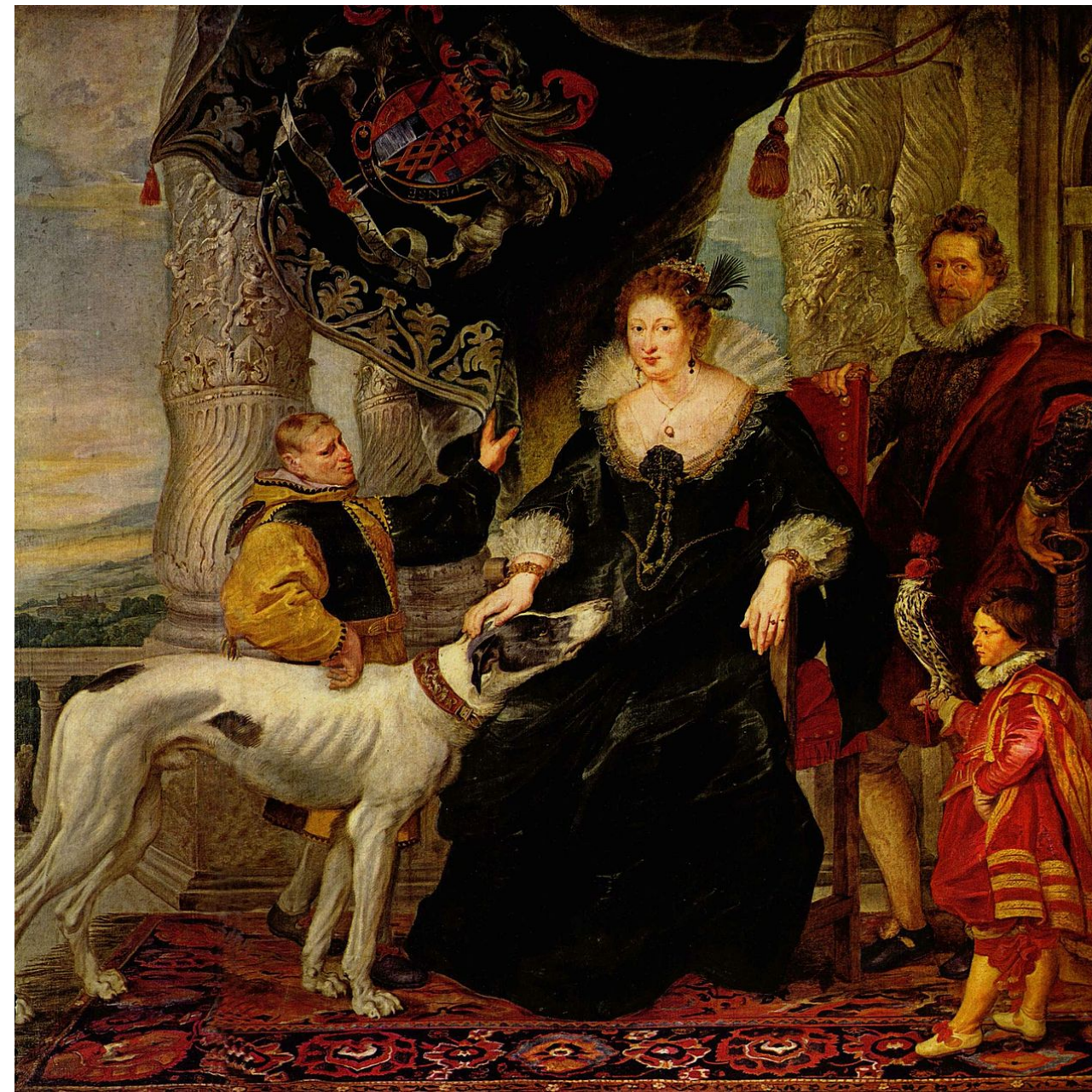


Networking the Early Stuart Diplomatic Service: An Introduction

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Project Overview

The Early Stuart Diplomatic Service: Prosopography & Networks project gathers, analyzes, and visualizes biographical, event, and network data associated with early Stuart diplomatic representatives (1603-1649). Its goal is to achieve a fuller understanding of the evolution of diplomatic institutions and practices in the key period leading up to the Civil War and Interregnum.



Peter Paul Rubens,
Portrait of Sir Dudley Carleton with Alethea Howard,
Countess of Arundel, c. 1620
(Alte Pinakothek, Munich)

DATA

The project is based on analyzing the diplomats' biographical details and personal and professional networks. Data sources include:

- Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (biographical)
- Handlist of English Diplomatic Representatives (professional networks)
- State Papers Online (correspondence networks)

NETWORKS

Personal and professional networks can help convey relevant information about who knew whom, and how these relationships impacted the structure of the service. Correspondence networks can show how communications traveled, and who the power brokers were.

SHARING

One of the project's goals is produce a combined, enhanced data set on early Stuart diplomats that can readily be linked to and shared with related projects through the use of standard identifiers and common data formats and structures.

Co-Mission Networks

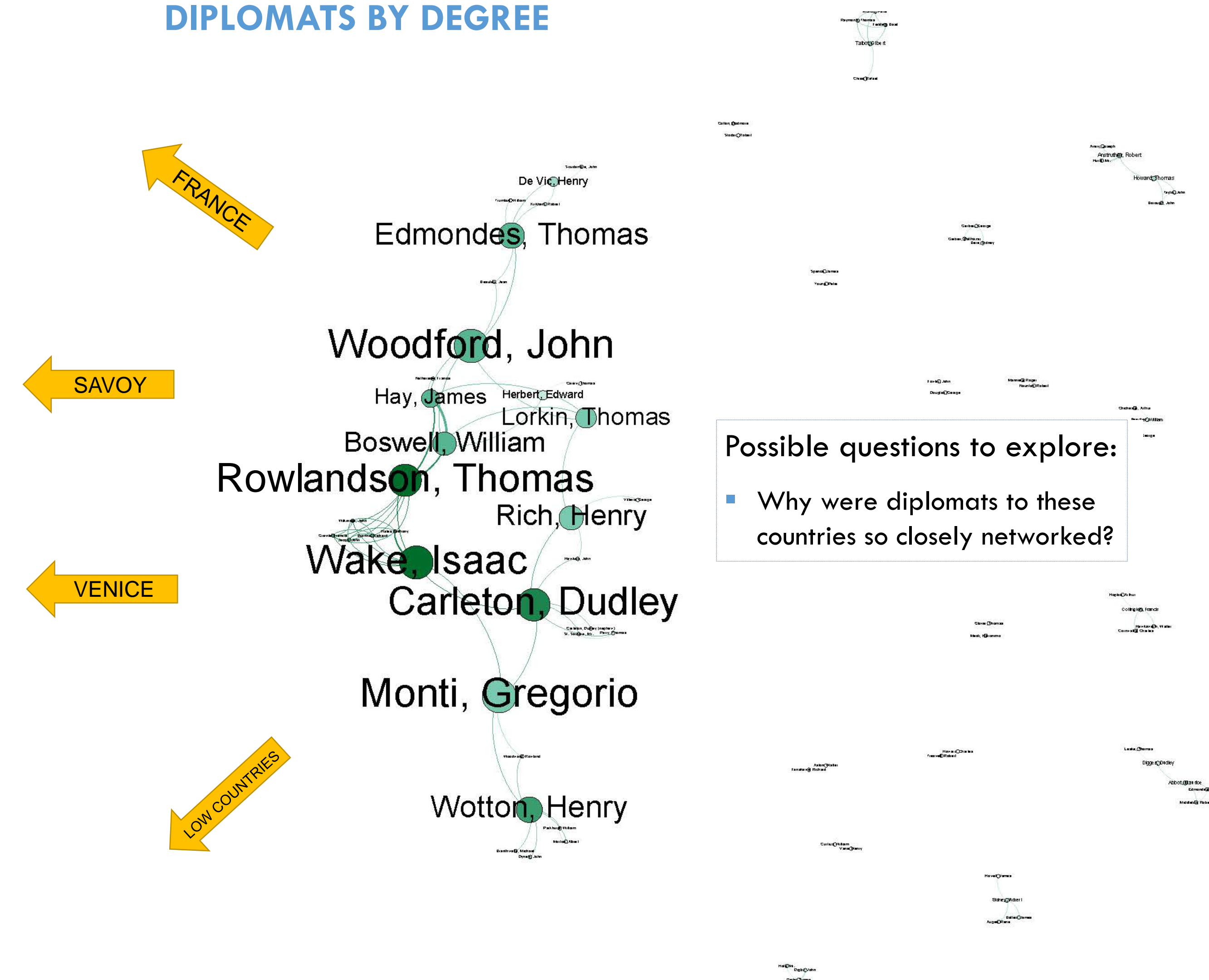
ROLE OF NETWORKS

Co-mission networks represent who served with whom on what missions, and where. They have tell us things like who served together repeatedly and who bridged diplomatic communities.

234 missions | 19 receiving countries | 46 years

Mission ID	Main mission	Diplomat name	COINB ID	Diplomat rank	Start date	End date	Diplomat role	Receiving country
235 SN3	Y	Edmondes, Thomas	6486		1604-01-11	1609-09-30	Resident Ambassador	England
236 SN3	Y	Trumbull, William	27775		1604-01-11	1609-09-30	Secretary	England
237 SN4	Y	Seymour, Edward	25161	Earl	1605-01-01	1605-05-20	Envoy Extraordinary	England
238 SN5	Y	Trumbull, William	27775		1609-08-29	1625-02-11	Agent, then Resident Ambassador	England
239 SN6	Y	Bennett, John	2108	Sir	1617-01-03	1617-06-29	Ambassador Extraordinary	England
240 SN7	Y	Hay, James	12723	Viscount				England
241 SN8	Y	Conway, Edward	6120	Sir	1620-10-07	1620-10-07		England
242 SN8	Y	Weston, Richard	29126	Sir	1620-10-07	1620-10-07		England
243 SN9	Y	Digby, John	7628	Baron	1621-06-02	1621-10-04	Ambassador Extraordinary	England
244 SP23	Y	Wilson, Thomas	26600		1605-07-01		Agent	England
245 SP24	Y	Howard, Charles	13885	Earl	1605-02-03	1605-04-07	Ambassador Extraordinary	England
246 SP24	Y	Treswell, Robert (?)	0				Secretary	England
247 SP25	Y	Cornwallis, Charles	6337	Sir	1605-01-01	1609-10-31	Resident Ambassador	England
248 SP25	Y	Cottington, Francis	6404		1605-01-01	1609-10-31	Secretary	England
249 SP25	Y	Hawkeworth, Walter	12058		1605-01-01	1609-10-31	Secretary	England
250 SP26	Y	Cottington, Francis	6404		10-15-1609	1611-08-31	Agent	England
251 SP27	Y	Digby, John	7628	Sir	1610-01-10	1616-10-07	[Resident Ambassador]	England
252 SP27	Y	Digby, Simon	0				Secretary	England
253 SP28	Y	Cottington, Francis	6404		1615-12-29	1622-04-10	Agent [and Charge d'Affaires]	England
254 SP29	Y	Cecil, William	70518	Baron	1616-01-05	1617-02-28	Ambassador Extraordinary	England
255 SP30	Y	Digby, John	7628	Sir	1617-01-05	1618-09-05	Ambassador Extraordinary	England

DIPLOMATS BY DEGREE



Possible questions to explore:

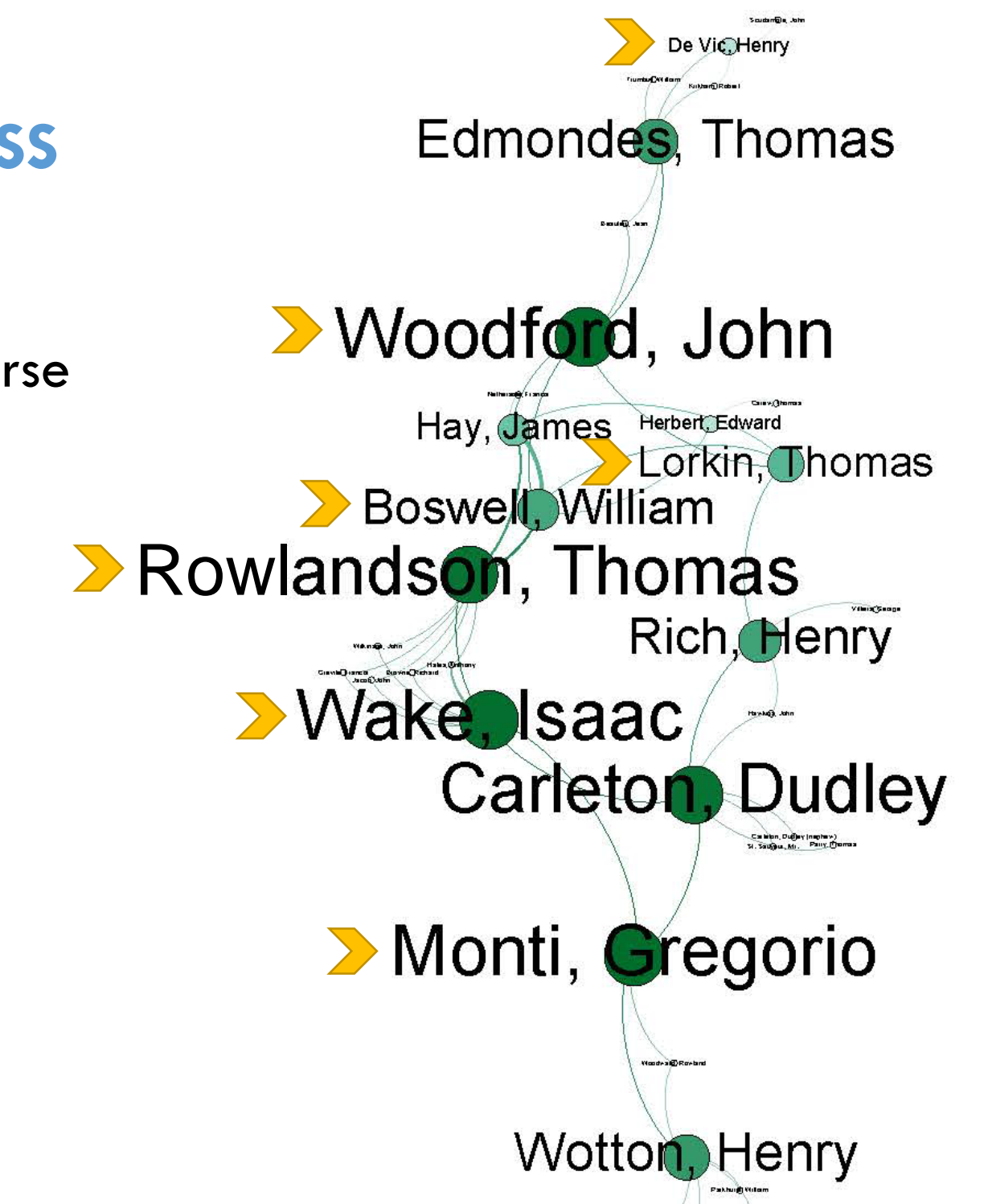
- Why were diplomats to these countries so closely networked?

DIPLOMATS BY BETWEENNESS

Secretaries served with many different diplomats, bridging diverse communities.

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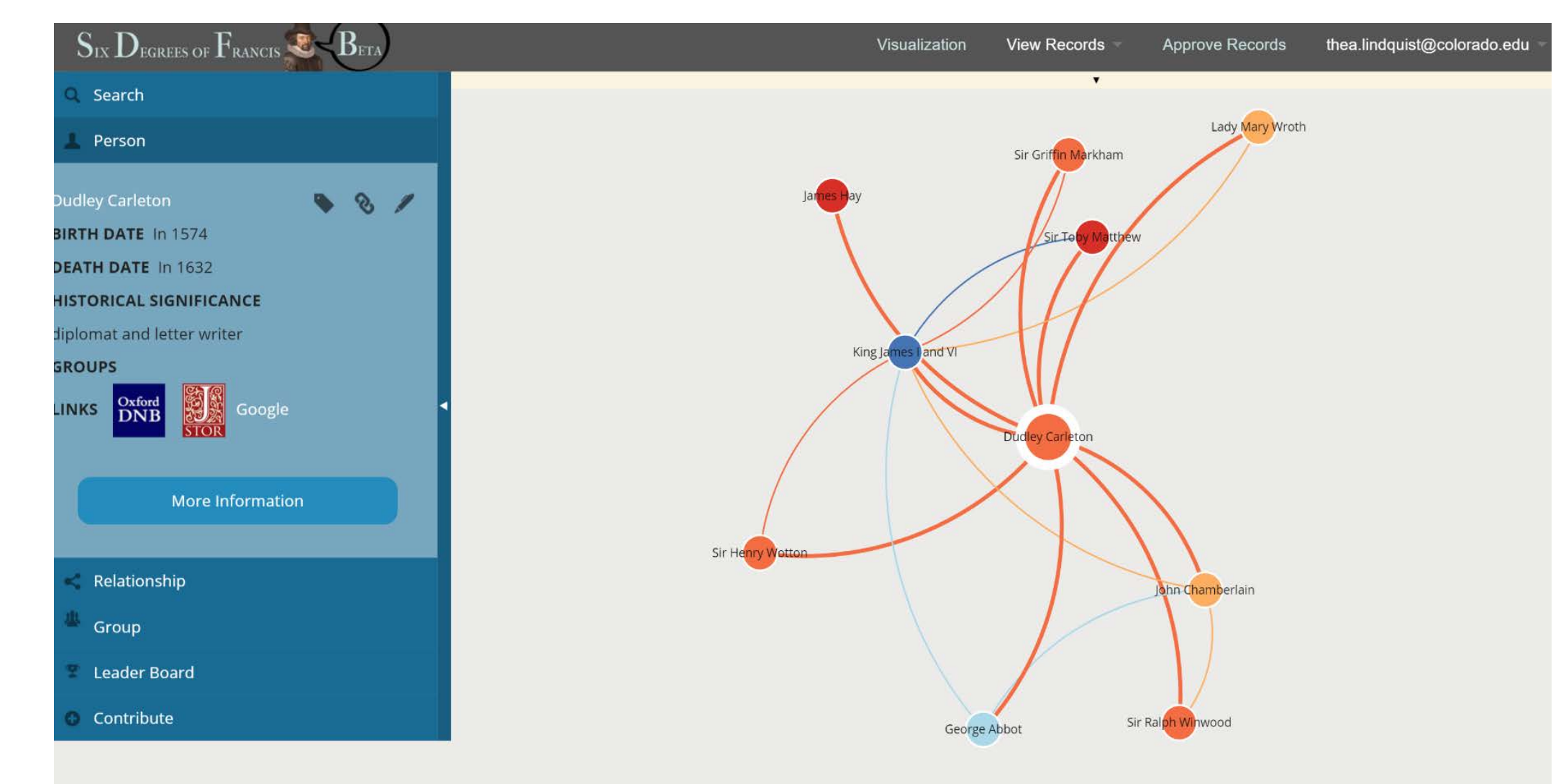
- Did secretaries tend to stay abroad for long periods?
- How much upward mobility was there in the service from the secretarial ranks?



Broadening Connections

Supplement with networks extending beyond the diplomatic

- State Papers Foreign and Domestic metadata
- Six Degrees data



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